

Regular Board Meeting

December 19, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Dennis Manthei. Trustees present: Brown, Hennessey, Lautz, Leicht, and Schumacher. Excused: Wee. Also present: Police Chief Charles Ashbeck, Recreation Director Tony DeGaetano, Village Attorney Bryant Klos, Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker, Coulee News Special Correspondent Emily Stead, County Board Supervisor Ray Ebert, and Village Administrator Teresa Schnitzler.

Public Comment

Town of Hamilton Supervisor Ray Ebert updated the Village Board on the Town's progress toward constructing a new Town Hall, the Town's intent to support the County grant for completion of the multi-use trail across the La Crosse River, and advised the Board meet with the County regarding development of the county farm property.

Minutes

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017, Regular Board meeting with one correction. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Claims

Claims from the following funds were presented for payment:

<u>General Fund:</u>	\$73,617.12
<u>Water Utility:</u>	\$15,277.16
<u>Sewer Utility:</u>	\$14,972.26
<u>Storm Water Utility:</u>	\$11,737.71

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve the payment of all claims as listed. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Resolution 8.17

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to approve Resolution 8.17 Support for Highway 16 Multi-Use Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Project Grant as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

WHEREAS, the Village of West Salem Comprehensive Plan adopted on March 4, 2008, and amended on April 20, 2010, set forth promotion of pedestrian and bicycle activities on the La Crosse River State Trail and complete safe, off-road facilities between West Salem and La Crosse; and

WHEREAS, the Village Comprehensive Plan, adopted and amended, both set forth as a goal and a recommendation that when State Highway 16 reconstruction occurs, development of paved shoulders and/or multi-use trails along State Highway 16

from South Kinney Coulee Road in Onalaska into West Salem will be constructed to enhance the bikeability of this transportation route; and

WHEREAS, the State Highway 16 road widening and reconstruction project between Onalaska and West Salem is complete and a multi-use trail was constructed to the La Crosse River bridge on Highway 16 at Veteran's Memorial Campground; and

WHEREAS, West Salem constructed an 8-foot wide asphalt trail that connects Veteran's Park on the west side of the Village to the street network at Heritage Lane, but this path does not continue to connect Veteran's Memorial Park to the new multi-use trail on State Highway 16; and

WHEREAS, West Salem is a member of the La Crosse Area Planning Committee (LAPC), Metropolitan Planning Organization, which has approved the 2035 Coulee Region Bicycle Plan recommending a continuous off-road facility along State Highway 16 between La Crosse and West Salem; and

WHEREAS, the LAPC's Committee on Transit and Active Transportation has proposed establishing and signing a regional bicycle route connecting south La Crosse to downtown West Salem along an alignment to include the State Highway 16 trail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of West Salem does hereby support the La Crosse River Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge project to complete a nine-mile continuous off-road trail within State Highway 16 right-of-way between La Crosse and West Salem.

ADOPTED this 19th day of December, 2017.

/s/

Dennis Manthei, Village President

(SEAL)

/s/

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator

Alcohol Beverage License Application

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to approve the issuance of an alcohol beverage license to Todd J. Erickson. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Finance and Personnel Committee

Trustee Leicht reported on the December 7, 2017, Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. The Committee met in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.84(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, to-wit: employee evaluations and compensation.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Lautz to approve the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Utilities Committee

Trustee Schumacher reported on the December 12, 2017, Utilities Committee meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review for recommendation the proposed 2018 budgets for the Water Utility, Sewer Utility, and the Storm Water. Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker presented a proposed 2018 Water Utility Budget. The proposed budget includes an increase in hydrant maintenance to address at least ten leaking hydrants in 2018. The cost of a retrofitted hydrant repair kit is \$2,400. During the 2018 bi-annual hydrant flushing, documentation will be made on the condition of each

hydrant. Capital outlay includes \$35,000 of new meters and MXU units and an equity transfer to the sewer utility in the amount of \$68,000 putting the balance owed to the Sewer Utility at \$71,000. There are no street reconstructions approved for 2018. The Committee recommended approval of the proposed 2018 Water Utility Budget. Mr. Halbrucker presented a proposed 2018 Sewer Utility Budget. On a trial basis, RE-100 cerium chloride was used for phosphorus removal in 2017. The chemical has had favorable results. The Utility has also been reviewing ultraviolet drying of sludge for consideration. Funding for maintenance of the sewage collection system is included in order to rehabilitate manholes throughout the system. Capital projects proposed include continuation of the 2017 mobile home park project by sewer main lining of the East Boundary, purchase and installation of a plant air monitoring system, and rehabilitation of sewer main in John Street. A lengthy discussion was had regarding the treatment plant upgrades, options, and costs associated with the facility plan. Engineer Dave Sauer has been working on updating costs and finishing the wastewater treatment facility plan. Mr. Sauer wrote he has been working through the numbers and how construction work would go. He now feels it makes sense to construct one biological phosphorus tank and the new splitter box in Stage 1 rather than just one biological phosphorus tank. He stated there is an economy of doing both now since it appears the facility expansion could be years out given the present growth of the Village. Mr. Sauer also forwarded updated costs sheets from the facility plan document for the addition of a biological phosphorus structure, non-point phosphorus trading, sludge storage or infrared heat treating sludge and cerium chloride chemical feed. Based on this, the biological phosphorus, non-point phosphorus trading and sludge storage are the most cost effective. The infrared heat treating sludge option still needs testing and could also still be a viable option. Mr. Halbrucker stated true costs of utilizing cerium chloride are closer to \$69,000 per year rather than Mr. Sauer's updated cost of \$170,820 per year. Non-point phosphorus trading has not been presented to La Crosse County or the Lake District for cooperation and approvals yet. The Committee felt more information and explanations are still needed from Mr. Sauer. Funding toward facility upgrades is included in the proposed 2018 budget. The Committee recommended approval of the proposed 2018 Sewer Utility budget as presented. Mr. Halbrucker presented a proposed 2018 Storm Water Utility Budget. The proposed budget includes continued maintenance of catch basins in one-quarter of the Village in conjunction with sidewalk inspections and repairs, remainder capital outlay costs associated with the regional storm water basin adjacent to Neshonoc Road, and estimate costs for the Elm Street ditch renovation and Industrial Drive storm water improvements. Mr. Halbrucker informed the Committee La Crosse County is now discharging 40,000 gallons per day of cooling water into the Lakeview Business Park storm water system, and this should be addressed during the planning for these improvements. The Committee recommended approval of the proposed 2018 Storm Water Utility budget as revised.

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017, Utilities Committee meeting as presented.

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the 2018 Water Utility budget with total operating revenues and expenditures of \$725,500. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the 2018 Sewer Utility budget with total operating revenues and expenditures of \$865,000. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Public Works Director Scott Halbrucker noted three errors in the Storm Water Utility budget as presented to the Board, and the corrections were set forth to the Board. Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Brown to approve the 2018 Storm Water Utility budget as corrected with total operating revenues and expenditures of \$150,980. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Schumacher, seconded by Trustee Leicht to convene in closed session at 7:19 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, or conduct of other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to-wit: possible land purchase. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Schumacher to reconvene in open session at 7:52 p.m. Roll call vote: Unanimous aye.

Motion by Trustee Leicht, seconded by Trustee Hennessey to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Approved by voice vote.

Teresa L. Schnitzler, Village Administrator